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MASONIC.

DALLAS COMMANDERY, No. 6.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Will meet at the regular time, to wit, on Monday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of W. C. TUCKER, E. C.
Z. E. GIBSON, Secretary.

DALLAS CHAPTER, No. 14.
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.
You are hereby summoned to attend a Grand Communication of the Chapter, on Monday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of W. C. TUCKER, E. C.
By command of the W. M., E. P. FOWLER, Secretary.

TAYLOR LODGE, No. 32, F. A. M.
Will meet on the second and last Saturday of each month, at the residence of W. C. TUCKER, E. C.
E. P. FOWLER, Secretary.

Masonic Cemetery.

NOTICE.
The following is a list of the names of the deceased who have been buried in the Masonic Cemetery, since the last issue of the Herald.

By order of the W. M., E. P. FOWLER, Secretary.

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From the Battle Field.

GOOD NIGHT.

Are you watching for me, darling—are you looking out for me?

Do you think I may be coming by the path along the sea?

My love! with golden tresses and ever-varying cheek.

And the welcome in your glance which your eyes alone speak.

I can close mine eyes and see you in the mellow evening glow.

Your earnest face uplifted by some pure and happy dream.

By the dimming ocean billows in the radiance of the west.

Those busy fingers folded for a little while at rest.

Ah! I see you looking downward at that slender golden ring.

With quick, faint blush—you prize it, the faint, worthless thing?

You are thinking of the kiss that dared press your fingers, dear.

Have never touched your lips yet, and I am lying here.

On the field of a lost battle, all, save dead and dying, gone.

A cold, faint light is falling, and the night is drawing on.

Our day, deep stained with crimson, is wrapped about my arm.

Have seen it with my life-blood through this battle-day's alarm.

My passion has been silent; we have only seen it in the eyes.

Thank heaven we never loved! since this is how it ends.

I know your heart is tender, and bath given both prayers and tears.

In your well-remembered compassion, your friend of early years.

May they turn to you in blessings—may your darling never know.

A single tear more bitter than those for me which flow.

Who will tell her of my fate? I am dying here, alone.

So yearning for your tender look, our gentle pitying tone!

I thought to bring back honor, and lay it at your feet;

I thought to win a glorious name, and share it with you sweet.

But dying eyes are clearly; I never was your heart.

Well, better so, far better—it is easy now to part!

There are many moaning round me, but my wounds have ceased to pain;

hardly hear the night-wind or feel the chilling rain.

They find me here to-morrow, and bury me where I lie.

In a nameless grave, without a prayer—and I am young to die!

But it must be so, my darling; if you were by my side.

You must kiss me a "good night"—the last before I die.

Farwell! God shield you, dearest! and sometimes think of me.

As you sit in your sunny window beside the sparkling sea.

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.

I think the testimony of the greatest and best men tends conclusively to show the influence of woman in the world.

As wives and mothers, sisters and friends, an influence far wider and more universal, as well as more permanent, than that exercised by selfish and treacherous women, who are false to every principle.

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TRINITY RIVER.

HER PRETENSIONS FOR AN APPROPRIATION.

The Trinity river, from Magnolia to Dallas, has a mud bottom—no sand streams empty their sand-bars for 300 miles by water into the Trinity, below Dallas. No shoals exist within this distance—except about three or four shallow places with white rock bottom, and only for a few yards in length. The greatest obstacle in the upper Trinity is the overhanging timber. If the limbs of the trees were lopped off so as to allow smoke-stacks to pass without injury, and the smaller chute at the head of the raft, near the mouth of East Fork dammed up, so as to throw the whole volume of water through the larger chute, twenty-five feet wide, small boats would make a success for at least six months in the year. There is no question of this. Well, what would be the advantage? In reply to the first question asked, in reply to that we say we want all the lumber we can possibly procure to build houses and fences in one of the richest prairie countries in the Union. This will be a small expenditure bringing pine lumber from the lower counties to build houses for settlers. As soon as we get the material for shelters we will then get population—when we get population we will get producers—when we get producers we will then have something for railroads to occupy their time with. There is no antagonism between railroads and rivers. And suppose there were? We are inclined to neutralize those monopolies. We are for the great good to the greatest number. We have nothing to say disparaging the claims of any other Texas river. If they have merits in them, the Legislature should do its duty and grant appropriations for their improvement. If they have no merits then nothing should be granted. But at all events the claims of the Trinity should not be prejudiced because of any other river which may not have a like claim to patronage from the State government. If other Texas rivers have merits in them, they ought to be improved; if not, then it would be a useless expenditure to donate anything. If the Trinity has none, then give the Trinity nothing. If she has, then foster the enterprise—because we need all conceivable auxiliaries to develop the resources of this country—and while you grant \$25,000 to build one mile of railroad, you can, for the same amount, build three hundred miles of river. W.

THE STATE POLICE.

The transactions of the State Police, lately in Hill county and in Huntville, have produced a very profound feeling of dislike to the institution in the minds of many, while they have had the effect to weaken the partiality of friends. Their conduct, or more correctly speaking, the conduct of Gen. Davidson, in the compromise made with Gathings and friends is certainly strange, if not positively culpable. If Mr. Gathings is guilty, what right had Gen. Davidson to make a bargain with him and release him after paying a sum of money? If he was not guilty, his conduct is a gross insult to the law. The money paid to him was not for his release, but for the purpose of making a bargain with him. The transaction was wrong. The Crockett Herald in giving an account of the difficulty at Huntville says that one of the State Police actually fired his pistol at Judge Baker who was standing quietly in the courthouse yard at the time of the melee there. Judge B. was employed by the friends of the prisoners and that is supposed to be the reason for the murderous assault. Judge Baker is known to be one of the most amiable and gentlemanly men in Texas.

The transaction in Freestone county where Lieut. Stokes entrusted an armed criminal to the care of Smalley, and he was killed by the criminal, Hardin, was an ugly piece of business. Stokes pretends that some friend of Hardin must have given him the pistol which he killed Smalley, while they were traveling on the road. If so, it shows that he guarded his prisoner very carelessly. Gen. Davidson now comes before the Legislature with a petition to allow him more money to fund of nearly half a million of dollars to carry on his system of blackmailing. Verily the times